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FBIB MORSE COVERAGE

1. Capacity of Morse operator is approximately 2,500 words per day. FBIB staff strength in this category and average output at present is outlined in attached table.

2. To the extent that staff is below T/O strength, particularly in East Coast and Mediterranean Bureaus, it has been planned to increase 25X1 coverage [redacted] from European and Near East capitals to Tass and other agency headquarters.

3. Expansion of Morse coverage to other types of material would require (a) increase in staff, (b) additional high-speed recording equipment, and (c) provision of segregated operating rooms and facilities if more than one operator copying such material is to be on duty at one time.

4. It should be observed that monitoring of [redacted] circuits 25X1 involves a great deal of waste attenti n because of the fact that traffic over such circuits is not usually scheduled as to type of material or time of transmission. Speed of transmission may vary between 15 and 300 words per 25X1 minute. [redacted] operators would not be expected to gross 2,500 words per day, and volume of useful material would vary greatly.

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Attached

cc: OO-2

25X1

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~~BASE COVERAGE~~

	PRESENT STAFF	P/C STRENGTH	PRESENT OUTPUT WORDS PER DAY
Tokyo	1	1	1,000
Kamei	7	7	27,000
West Coast	9	11	19,400
East Coast	8	11	18,000
Mediterranean	0	4	0
(BBC)	?	?	58,500

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